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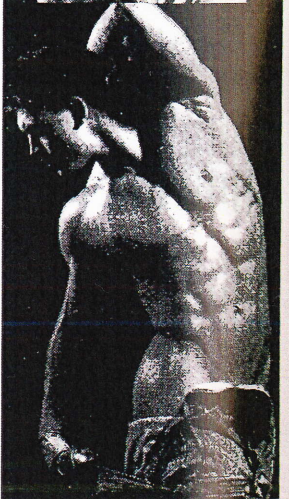
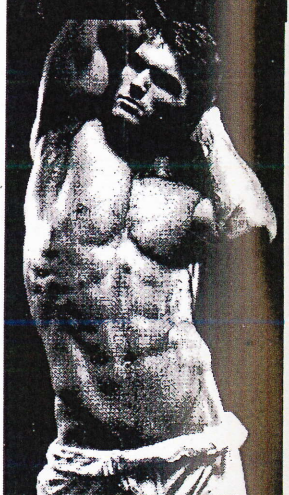
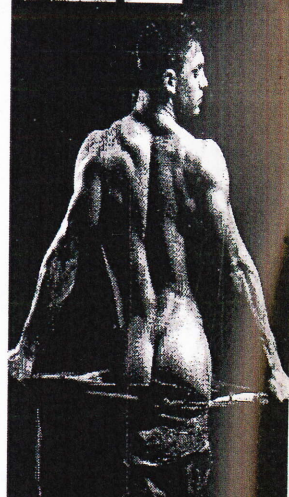
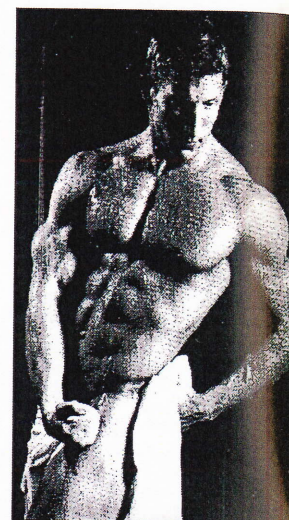
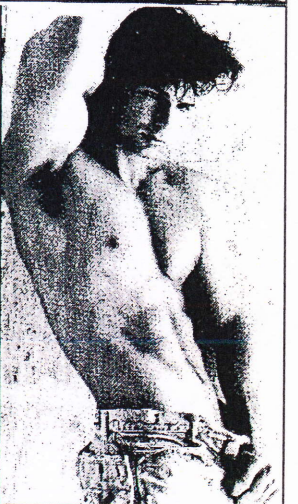
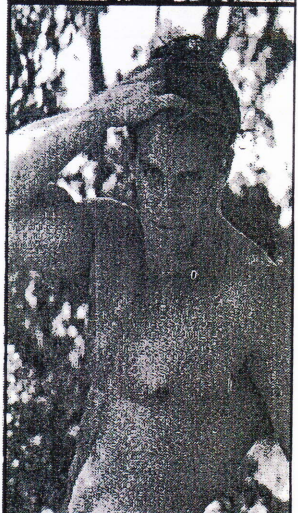
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The results of the Government's Anti-discrimination Survey on sexuality will, we have been promised, be available at the end of May.

It isn't yet clear whether the Gay community or the public will be allowed access to the returns (even though they are anonymous). Neither is it known from where the additional 4,000 last minute responses originated. There are rumours and suggestions that some religious groups insisted that their entire memberships send in pre-printed copy letters.

What we can be sure of is that, whatever the findings, we will have a fight on our hands. If the result is (as many expect) an overwhelming rejection of anti-discrimination measures to protect Gay people then it will need every single Gay person to stand up and be counted. There is a very strong suggestion that the Administration will want to take the line of least resistance by implementing education for the public about homosexuality.

This, we think, would be disastrous for the well-being and development of the Gay community and should be resisted at all costs.

Likewise it is highly possible that the Gay groups will be approached to instigate this education for which, of course, the Administration will probably want to inject a sizeable sum of money. The 'throw enough money at the problem and it will go away' mentality will not work – it hasn't worked anywhere we know of – usually it causes more problems than it solves.

On the other hand they might, just might, go for Anti-discrimination measures. The Gay community must be ready and willing to help draft those measures by inputting their views, needs and ideas to the Bills Committee that will hear presentations.

What will be totally useless, whatever the outcome of the survey, is for all of us to sit back and do nothing.

"For evil to triumph it is only necessary for good men to do nothing".

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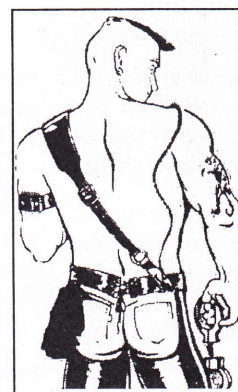
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STOP



The Salt Lake Tribune, one of Utah's leading morning daily news papers, reported on the speeches at the General Conference of the Mormon church Salt Lake last month. A Mormon "General Authority" (leader), Elder Durrel A. Woolsey of the Second Quorum of the Seventy, spoke at the main session on Sunday, and his speech, therefore, has the official stamp of the church and represents Mormon policy and doctrine.

Woolsey, according to The Tribune article, said, "The forces of evil have intensified and united under the powerful influences of Satan," and the devil, "forges a Rembrandt-quality of calling evil good and good evil."

Woolsey cited three examples of satanic propositions: Freedom justifies abortion. Same-gender intimate associations and even marriage are acceptable. Chastity and fidelity are old-fashioned and narrow-minded. He added, "International heroes in sports, music and movies not only live immoral lives but teach that immorality around the world through the powerful influence of the media."

The Mormon view of masturbation is also dogmatic, archaic and many believe downright dangerous.

Pray daily, ask for the gifts of the Spirit, that which will strengthen you against temptation. Pray fervently and out loud when the temptations are the strongest.

Follow a program of vigorous daily exercise. The exercises reduce emotional tension and depression and are absolutely basic to the solution of this problem. Double your physical activity when you feel stress increasing. **Sounds like saying you should masturbate daily.**

When the temptation to masturbate is strong, yell STOP to those thoughts as loudly as you can in your mind and then recite a pre-chosen Scripture or sing an inspirational hymn. It is important to turn your thoughts away from the selfish need to indulge.

Set goals of abstinence, begin with a day, then a week, month, year and fi-

nally commit to never doing it again. Until you commit yourself to never again you will always be open to temptation.

Change in behaviour and attitude is most easily achieved through a changed self-image. Spend time every day imagining yourself strong and in control, easily overcoming tempting situations.

Begin to work daily on a self-improvement program. Relate this plan to improving your Church service, to improving your relationships with your family, God and others. Strive to enhance your strengths and talents.

Be outgoing and friendly. Force yourself to be with others and learn to enjoy working and talking to them. Use principles of developing friendships found in books such as How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie.

Be aware of situations that depress

you or that cause you to feel lonely, bored, frustrated or discouraged. These emotional states can trigger the desire to masturbate as a way of escape. Plan in advance to counter these low periods through various activities, such as reading a book, visiting a friend, doing something athletic, etc.

Make a pocket calendar for a month on a small card. Carry it with you, but show it to no one. If you have a lapse of self control, colour the day black. Your goal will be to have no black days. The calendar becomes a strong visual reminder of self control and should be looked at when you are tempted to add another black day. Keep your calendar up until you have at least three clear months.

A careful study will indicate you have had the problem at certain times and under certain conditions. Try and recall, in detail, what your particular times and

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conditions were. Now that you understand how it happens, plan to break the pattern through counter activities.

? In the field of psychotherapy there is a very effective technique called aversion therapy. When we associate or think of something very distasteful with something which has been pleasurable, but undesirable, the distasteful thought and feeling will begin to cancel out that which was pleasurable. If you associate something very distasteful with your loss of self-control it will help you to stop the act. For example, if you are tempted to masturbate, think of having to bathe in a tub of worms, and eat several of them as you do the act.

? During your toileting and shower activities leave the bathroom door or shower curtain partly open, to discourage being alone in total privacy. Take cool brief showers. **Having the washroom door open so we can be seen only makes us more excited. Nothing like a bit of voyeurism.**

? Arise immediately in the mornings. Do not lie in bed awake, no matter what time of day it is. Get up and do something. Start each day with an enthusiastic

activity. **And masturbating in the morning is not an enthusiastic activity ?**

? Keep your bladder empty. Refrain from drinking large amounts of fluids before retiring.

? Reduce the amount of spices and condiments in your food. Eat as lightly as possible at night.

? Wear pyjamas that are difficult to open, yet loose and not binding. **Ooooh, Bondage !**

? Avoid people, situations, pictures or reading materials that might create sexual excitement. **Like life?**

? It is sometimes helpful to have a physical object to use in overcoming this problem. A Book of Mormon, firmly held in hand, even in bed at night has proven helpful in extreme cases. **We'll we purrfur a vibrator as our physical object, but if you think "firmly" holding the book of Mormon in our hand might work, we'll give it a try.**

? In very severe cases it may be necessary to tie a hand to the bed frame with a tie in order that the habit of masturbating in a semi-sleep condition can be bro-

ken. This can also be accomplished by wearing several layers of clothing which would be difficult to remove while half asleep. Oh yeah, we love being tied to the bed.

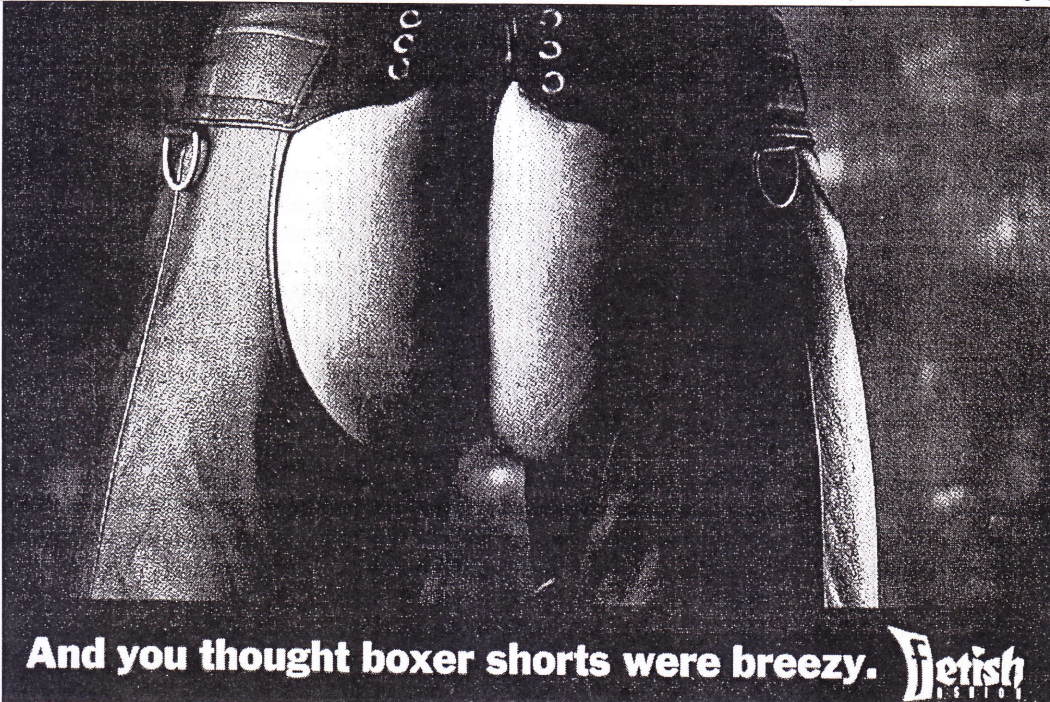
? Set up a reward system for your successes. It does not have to be a big reward. A quarter in a receptacle each time you overcome or reach a goal. Spend it on something which delights you and will be a continuing reminder of your progress. **Every time we think our big reward is orgasm, does that count ?**

? Do not let yourself return to any past habit or attitude patterns which were part of your problem. Satan Never Gives Up. Be calmly and confidently on guard. Keep a positive mental attitude. You can win this fight! The joy and strength you will feel when you do will give your whole life a radiant and spiritual glow of satisfaction and fulfilment. **In other words, always try new positions and techniques, no ?**

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GLOBAL NEWS



New Zealand

Police estimated that up to 200,000 people lined Auckland's Poonby Road in February for the Gay community's biggest bash, the annual HERO parade. The two-hour extravaganza featured 42 floats and about 1,000 marchers. Four thousand people attended the post-parade HERO Party at the Expo Centre.

Vietnam

"Condom Cafe" opened, in April, in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City, dispensing coffee, condoms and safer-sex information. Some seed money was provided by the European aid agency Medecins du Monde. The cafe also runs an AIDS-information hotline, which received 20 calls its first day of operation.

Germany

Reported Gay-assaults rose substantially in Germany last year, reported the magazine *The Week In Germany*. The group Schwulenverband in Deutschland (German Gay Association) received 378 reports at its anti-violence hotline in 1995, a 15-percent increase over 1994. Police say perhaps only one in 10 Gay-assaults is reported. The magazine said gays are most often attacked by groups of males aged 14-25. Two-thirds of the attacks involve robbery or serious injury. About 30 Gay-assaults per year are fatal, according to the Federal Office of Criminal Investigation.

Australia

A resort that was being promoted as Australia's first exclusively Gay island holiday getaway has turned out to be a swindle. The resort to be known as Stonewall Island, a part of the Whitsundays once referred to as Stone Island, was promoted as opening to coincide with this year's Mardi Gras. Daesley, the promoter for the island, has now disappeared leaving a trail of debt through travel agents, investors and potential employees. One Melbourne woman, formerly working with the Melbourne Gay lifestyle magazine *Bliss*, told *Brother Sister* she has been stranded in Queensland with no money to get back home.

Finland

Finland may become the fourth country to legalise Gay marriage, following in the footsteps of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The Minister Groups of four of the five parties in the Cabinet — the Social Democrats, Left Alliance, Greens and Swedish National Party — said last month they favour passage of a Scandinavian-style Gay-registered-partnership law that grants all the rights of marriage except access to church weddings, adoption, artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilisation. The fifth party, the conservative National Coalition, has taken a neutral position on the legislation.

Cyprus

The Holy Synod of Cyprus' Greek Orthodox Church dropped charges of homosexuality last month, against a popular priest who had been elected by the faithful as bishop of the Morphou diocese. But Archimandrite Pangratis Meraclis, who has been suspended since February, will be prohibited, for the time being, from taking the bishop's chair, the Synod ruled. "In spite of the charges made against the Archimandrite the Holy Synod is to overlook the testimonies against him and, making use of the measure of leniency, the church imposes on the Archimandrite deprivation of the right to be promoted to a higher rank," the synod said.

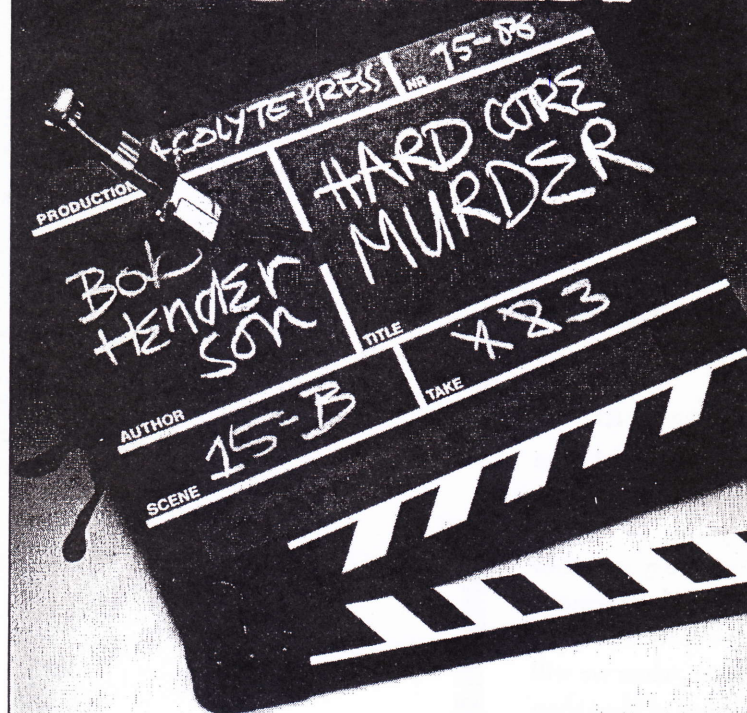
UK

'Dial-A-Queen' is a new venture from The House of Amber. From high impact courier service and gift delivery to outrageously cheeky waitressing for private parties the emphasis is on fun. Based in London we currently seek appointments AND new recruits. Ideal candidates should be devastatingly glamorous, have a positive attitude, be very sociable and confident when put under the spotlight. This is NOT a sex service. (Seen on the Internet)

Holland

The Dutch parliament has backed legislation to grant gays the same legal and civil marital rights as heterosexual couples reported *Queer World*. The Dutch Queen normally remains happily in the mainstream of her country's liberal tendencies and even appointed a Gay tutor for her eldest son, Prince Wilhelm Alexander. The Gay community is proud to boast that she is everyone's queen. Her portrait commonly eyes her subjects in the Gay bars and discos across the land. Legal marriages are mutually recognised throughout the European Union. If the new family law reaches the statute books, married gays would be entitled to the same adoption and inheritance rights as heterosexual couples, including the right of foreign spouses to Dutch nationality after three years. "If a future Dutch king married another man, any adopted children would become their legitimate heirs," said Boris Dittrich, whose D66 Democratic Party is backing the legislation. "Sexual preference has nothing to do with it. If we are equal human beings, we must be given the same legal civil status as heterosexuals" he said.

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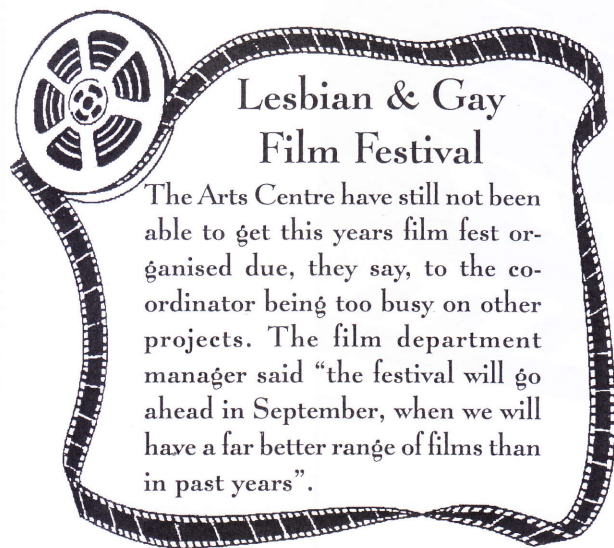
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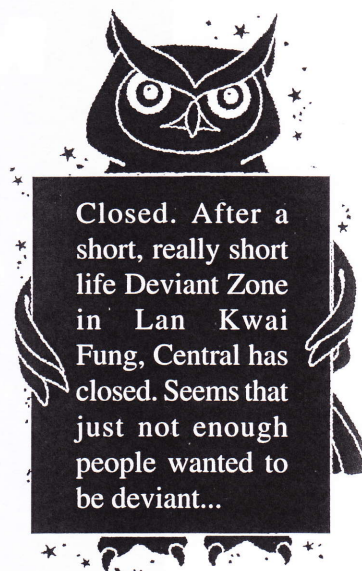
The Arts Centre have still not been able to get this years film fest organised due, they say, to the co-ordinator being too busy on other projects. The film department manager said "the festival will go ahead in September, when we will have a far better range of films than in past years".

Freemen

A new Gay social group starts next month. Promising more and better adventurous activities than the Gay community have so far been offered organiser Russell Yip explained "we are a social group for Gay

men only. We will not be involved in any kind of religious activities at all but will organise lots of exciting and varied social things for our members to take part. Freemen can be contacted via Andy 71 12 8903 Call 8862 (Cantonese) or Benny (English) 7968 9133 or write to Andy Lo 5/F Cambridge Building, Hong Ning Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

NEW!



'97's new restaurant the Pavilion at Petticoat Lane opened late last month. The small intimate dining room is decorated in

a quiet yet classical style. The food is excellent with a good range of salads and desserts for lunch and dinner. The thing that makes this place so different from the others is the very positive attitude of the waiting staff all of whom, without being obtrusive, seem intent on ensuring you enjoy your meal. The Pavilion is opened 12-3 for lunch and 6-11 for dinner.

QUOTES ON LES

What they said...

What they said "A lot of people in the world have views about being with someone of the same sex, but they won't express it. There's no way you can say you didn't ever think about it, because when asked, 'Have you been with another man?' most people answer, 'God no, it's disgusting.' Well, how do you know it's disgusting if you've never thought about it?"

Chicago Bulls player Dennis Rodman to Inside Sports magazine.

"It's a tasteless perversion. If homosexuality; it is not a perversion, then the male and female bodies have been wrongly made."

Terry Dicks British MP to the Wall Street Journal

"Oh my God, oh my God, oh my God...I am not a lesbian. I wish they'd stop saying it. I have a daughter, for God's sake. What do they mean by this? They write this shit and one day I'm gonna have to talk to my daughter...Please I'm so pissed off right now. Excuse me."

Whitney Houston to Entertainment Magazine

"I'm afraid I'm hopelessly conventional. If you want to live together, fine. If you want to have a life together, fine. All I can say is, compassion is not approval."

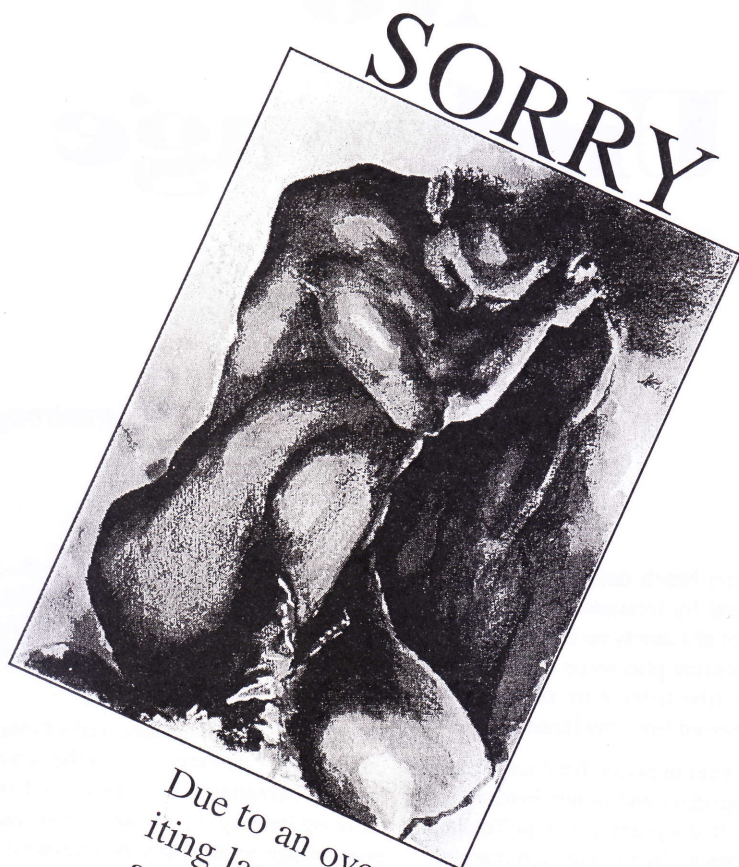
US Presidential candidate Stephen Forbes to the New York Post.

"I've never had much sympathy with Gay Christians. I always thought it's essentially a failure to recognize that the biggest single source of oppression to gays has always been the Christian church. All you need to do is go to an atheist country like France, or Sweden, where religion is virtually dead, to feel the tremendous release. Or a culture like Southeast Asia where the religion is Buddhist."

Edmund White to Etcetera magazine.

How come a guy will go out and buy a big scary gun to protect his property but he won't wear a little piece of latex to save his life?"

Whoopi Goldberg



Due to an oversight we omitted crediting last month's front cover to local artist Mandy Boursicot.

There will be a black and white dress code party, for women only, on Sunday 26th May from 3-7 p.m. The programme includes the first tom boy drag contest in Hong Kong plus there will be a range of snacks

Queer Sisters

for those extra special nibbles. Queer Sisters meet the second Sunday of the month at CE Top from 3-6 p.m. They can be contacted on Pager 7112 8445 call 1613 Hotline 2314 4348 (Cantonese speakers).



The Land of Smiles but not everyone's as happy as they look.

No Underage Sex

by C R J Armstrong

My associate and I were recently the subjects of a world-wide news story, both of us had been arrested on a charge of procuring underage Thai children for sex with foreigners. Whilst many of people may have read or indeed watched these reports of our arrest, it is doubtful if any were ever informed of the less newsworthy outcome of the case. I should like to set that record straight as soon as possible.

I had been a long term resident in Bangkok, and at the time of the case against me, I was a Radio Station Manager. In October of 1995, I dismissed a woman of Indian/Malay heritage for ineptitude, she wrought her revenge by approaching all the local press with a story of child procurement and prostitution being advertised openly on-air by myself and my associate.

With the exception of one local tabloid, all the newspapers refused to do anything as she had no evidence to substantiate her 'outlandish' claims. The *Thai Rath* newspaper however, took the story to the nation with a front page item which ran for five days consecutively, with each day's reports becoming more and more outrageous.

The resultant attention to this case by 'Senior Officials' caused the immigration police to raid my home and office and to arrest me on charges of procuring underage boys. The co-accused and I were paraded in front of the press with a vast array of material, a close inspection of which revealed it to be as nasty as views

of Brighton beach during the winter, a Thai funeral for foreigner, an assortment of slides of absolutely no erotic or pornographic content plus some condoms and two wigs (the latter were the only two items removed from my home).

We were held in prison for 4 days whilst the immigration and police investigated our case. It is a point of law in Thailand that you are guilty until proven innocent. We were denied any contact with the outside world, no phone calls, no visitors and no free food or water, and as such were extremely disorientated by the time we were eventually taken to court, where we were not charged with any of those original crimes, as absolutely no evidence was found to support even one of the charges laid against us in the press or by our accuser.

What we were charged with was possession of pornography with the intention to distribute. I was actually charged with 'By association', at the time of being charged we were actually unaware of what exactly we were being charged with, as we had no legal or translational representation during the five minute proceeding.

We were both eventually allowed out on bail, but were followed and had our phones tapped.

Once we were summoned to appear in court the adverse publicity created by both the public and the press in their appeals for evidence to be presented, caused something of a backlash, as no senior of

ficial wants to be seen to be proven wrong in public, at our court trial we were asked by the Judge why we had pleaded guilty, when he could see no evidence to substantiate the charge against us.

We told him that the prospect of a further three months detention whilst the police 'further investigate their case' and the ensuring lengthy (up to two years) court proceedings, without any income (we had both been dismissed from our jobs) was more than either of us could bare, either financially or physically.

We were each fined 2,750 baht and deported. (Thai law mandates that anyone of foreign origin be deported once court proceedings against them are completed, this is for both those found guilty and those found innocent!)

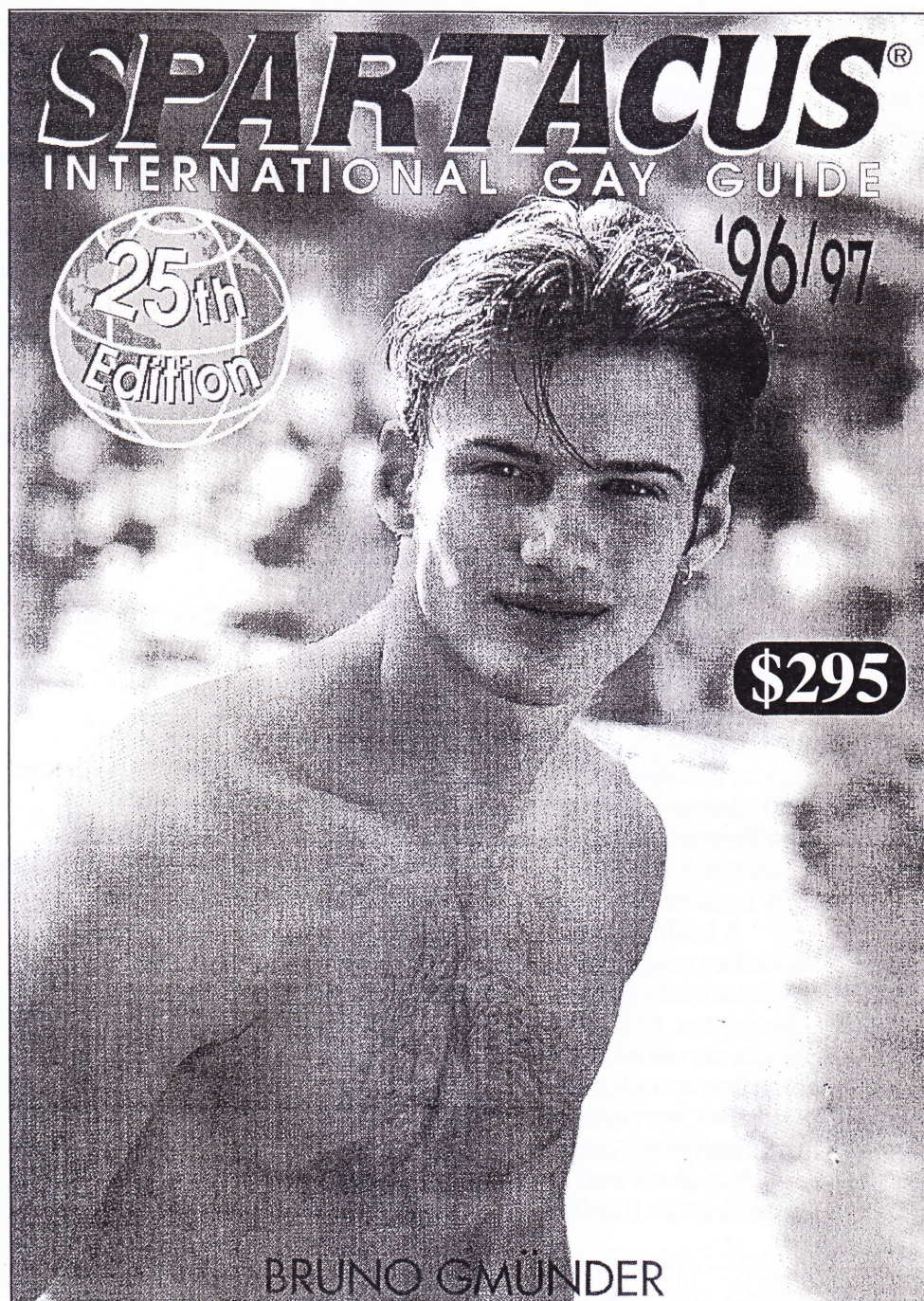
I suffered a great deal during this ordeal, I have lost my job, my reputation and my life's savings, plus my lover, of twelve years, and I have been separated.

Please do not let anyone to assume that because it was in the newspapers or on TV that there might be even a small margin of truth in those reports. There was none.

Thailand was my home for more than a decade, and I still to this day have a great admiration for that country and it's people. I would still return were I to have the opportunity to do so. But, there is a downside to some of the country's procedures.

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Lesbian Correct Rules

by Shelly Roberts

Lea Delaria says that the difference between a "Lesbian" and a "dyke" is about thirty thousand dollars a year. Ba-dump-bump.

It wasn't all that long ago that the word "Lesbian" was entirely unpronounceable especially amongst those who were them, at least without sounding like they'd swallowed an entire box of kleenex. And "dyke" was pretty much only used by truck

drivers (male) to scare their personal housefraus into staying home with Oprah and the kids, away from the understanding arms of some other truck drivers (female).

But now we are engaged in a great civil war judging whether these terms, or any terms so *man*dated, and so dedicated can long endure. With a ferocity usually reserved for conversations about "butch" and

"femme," dykes, I mean Lesbians, er, uh, Gay ladies, um, homosexual, uh, monoaffectional, well, uni-orientational women are coming to terms with their own definitions.

So, since I happened to be in the neighborhood, and I didn't have anything better to do at the time, I thought I'd share with you my personal definitional roster for

the ladies of the game:

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A Lesbian drinks out of a glass.
A Lesbian buys real estate.
A Lesbian keeps stock in a safety deposit box.
A Lesbian cycles a Schwinn.
A Lesbian's don't show.
A Lesbian brunches.
A Lesbian has acquaintances.
A Lesbian has a subscription.
A Lesbian drives a Porsche.
A Lesbian smokes Benson & Hedges.
A Lesbian has her ears pierced.
A Lesbian can pass.
A Lesbian cooks.
A Lesbian makes reservations.
A Lesbian entertains at home.
A Lesbian networks. And chats.
A Lesbian serves canapes.
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A Lesbian plays hardball.

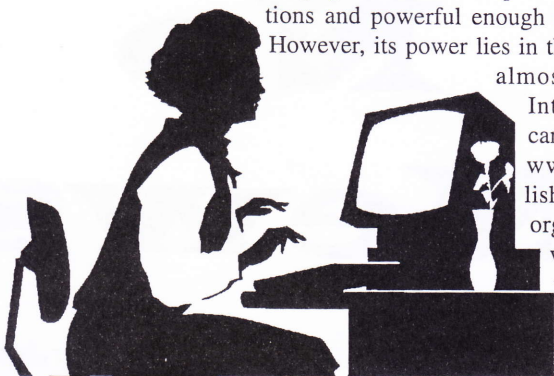
A Dyke pops a top.
A Dyke rents.
A Dyke puts it back out on the shelf.
A Dyke on bike owns a Harley.
A Dyke's tattoos don't rub off.
A Dyke drives-through.
A Dyke has buddies.
A Dyke buys Playboy over the counter.
A Dyke commands a Camero.
A Dyke smokes Luckies. Unfiltered.
A Dyke always goes further. Way further.
A Dyke can actually say the word "dildo."
A Dyke defrosts.
A Dyke makes dinner.
A Dyke has a regular stool.
A Dyke shows up
A Dyke feeds you from a can o' peas.
A Dyke has a tool belt.
A Dyke will drink from the hose.
A Dyke watches them.
A Dyke knows football.
A Dyke plays softball.

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ON THE NET



by *Eva Isaksson*

The Internet is taking over communicative roles held so far by television, radio, telephone, faxes, postal letters, newspapers, magazines, newsletters and books. While not all of us have access to it, it is becoming a powerful tool for building both social and activism oriented connections and networks between Lesbians.

What resources, if any, exist for Lesbians exploring the Internet? The basic e-mail, or exchange of very swift electronic mail is still the most important feature. Apart from private mail exchanges, there are mail distribution systems called mailing lists that serve as newsletters when they are used to distributing information, and as discussion forums when used for social chat or debate. They differ from newsletters in their openness and immediacy: anyone who is a subscriber can send mail to the list address, and thus everyone else on the list will get a copy of her "posting" almost immediately.

The other well-known feature is www, or the world wide web, consisting of information stored as hypertext. Accessing www has until recently been difficult, as the graphical browses require fast connections and powerful enough equipment. However, its power lies in the fact that

almost every Internet user can become a www publisher, so that organisations with a computer connected to the net can easily produce information ("homepages") that is accessible from all over the globe.

While the Internet is not hierarchical in the sense we have grown used to, and while your sex or gender do not carry the same meaning that they do in 'real life', the fact remains that women are still a minority (although a growing one) among Internet users. Lesbian voices are not always very noticeable in the areas with high volume of general discussion. There are general Gay discussion forums open to everyone. Special Lesbian oriented, women only mailing lists are the preferred way by which many Lesbians choose to communicate on the Internet.

There are some national traditions and cultures that still exist even over the airways. In countries where Lesbians are used to existing separately from the mixed Gay movement, they tended to avoid the Internet altogether as a 'male dominated' medium. In other countries, the Lesbian activity on the Internet grow noticeable, in a short space of time.

The first widely known women-only mailing list was started in the U.S. in 1987 by a straight woman who wanted to offer Lesbians a place of their own. The Sappho list has become the most well known list, with some 700 subscribers. It remained the only major Lesbian space on the Internet until a couple of years ago.

In the early 1990s, some smaller mailing lists were started as outgrowths from Sappho. In fact, every Lesbian mailing list now in existence can consider the original Sappho as the space where it all began. These outgrowths include lists with focus in a wide variety of areas: Lesbians in science, political dykes, Lesbian mothers, European Lesbians, Lesbians into s/m, k.d. lang fans, bisexual women, older

Lesbians, Lesbian academics, Australian butches and femmes, Lesbian Avengers, and so on.

All of the lists are international: any Lesbian with an Internet address or "user account" can subscribe to them. However, the U.S. origins of Internet and the large participation by U.S. users has influenced the Lesbian Internet a great deal. While there are Lesbians from all over the world, the discussions have tended to be dominated by U.S. concerns. For example, while the 'politidykes' list is a forum for general Lesbian activist discussion, the topics are often of interest mainly to U.S. Lesbians.

There have been attempts to make the Lesbians Internet more international. Euro-Sappho is a list which focuses on topics of interest to European Lesbians. In Finland there is a national Lesbian mailing list, active since 1993, called sapfo-list with 120 subscribers..

The function of a Lesbian mailing list is usually social: the messages might be chatty, or intimate, or have an erotic tone to them. They also contain news items, announcements about local events or campaigns. International are the best way to keep an international Lesbian dialogue alive in such a way that few other media have achieved for large numbers of Lesbians.

It takes some effort to start and maintain a mailing list for Lesbians, but once started, it offers great potential for exchanging information and ideas very quickly.

Here's how women can subscribe to the lists:

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No News

by Jason Leung

Eastern Express

The only daily newspaper to run a Gay column, on regular basis, failed to print a column on the 30th April. not that they didn't have anything to print but because in the words of deputy features editor, Tony Giles, "As we had a lot of company reports and important things to print that day we simply didn't have space for the Gay column".

That's seems to be fine and dandy until one realises that the features section has 8 pages. Only two of these, on a Tuesday, are local. One is the TV and entertainment's page the other page is given over to local writers, including Gay writers, to express their views on what's happening in Hong Kong.

With a fine disregard for good manners the *Express* also failed to tell Barrie Brandon (editor of *Contacts Magazine*) that his article wouldn't appear. Barrie said "although the *Express* knew well in advance they would be using 'our' page for other things that day they never bothered to call me. Had they done so I could have used my time more usefully."

What a great pity the features editor gives such small weight to a column which only appears weekly. Maybe the *Express's* commitment isn't so strong after all.

Amoeba

The Chinese monthly magazine *Amoeba* ran a rather sloppy article on what magazines and books were available for Gay people in Hong Kong. *Contacts Magazine*, naturally, was

mentioned although no-one from the magazine ever called or faxed us for our views.

The main idea of the article seemed to be that *Contacts Magazine* ought to be printed in the official language of Hong Kong. Well, while we absolutely agree that we ought to have lots more news, articles and views in Chinese, we do have to point out the obvious to Amoeba: Hong Kong has two official languages, English and Chinese. We're using more of the former rather than the latter due solely to supply.

What was interesting though was that the article only mentioned this one area. Presumably they found everything else useful and interesting. We've often thought we were getting things right, but it's so nice to get confirmation.

South China Morning Post

A strange malaise seems to be pervading the editorial offices of the *Post* these days. Other than a rehashed piece on Gays in Beijing a few weeks ago there hasn't been anything like the coverage of Gay ideas or events, locally or internationally, that there was last year.

Lest it be thought there isn't anything happening worth reporting just a quick

scan of any issue of *Contacts Magazine* would set anyone's mind at rest that there is a plethora of news stories, articles and views available.

Indeed I have seen copies of stories, letters and articles sent to the *Post* which have never again seen the light of day let alone be printed or reported.

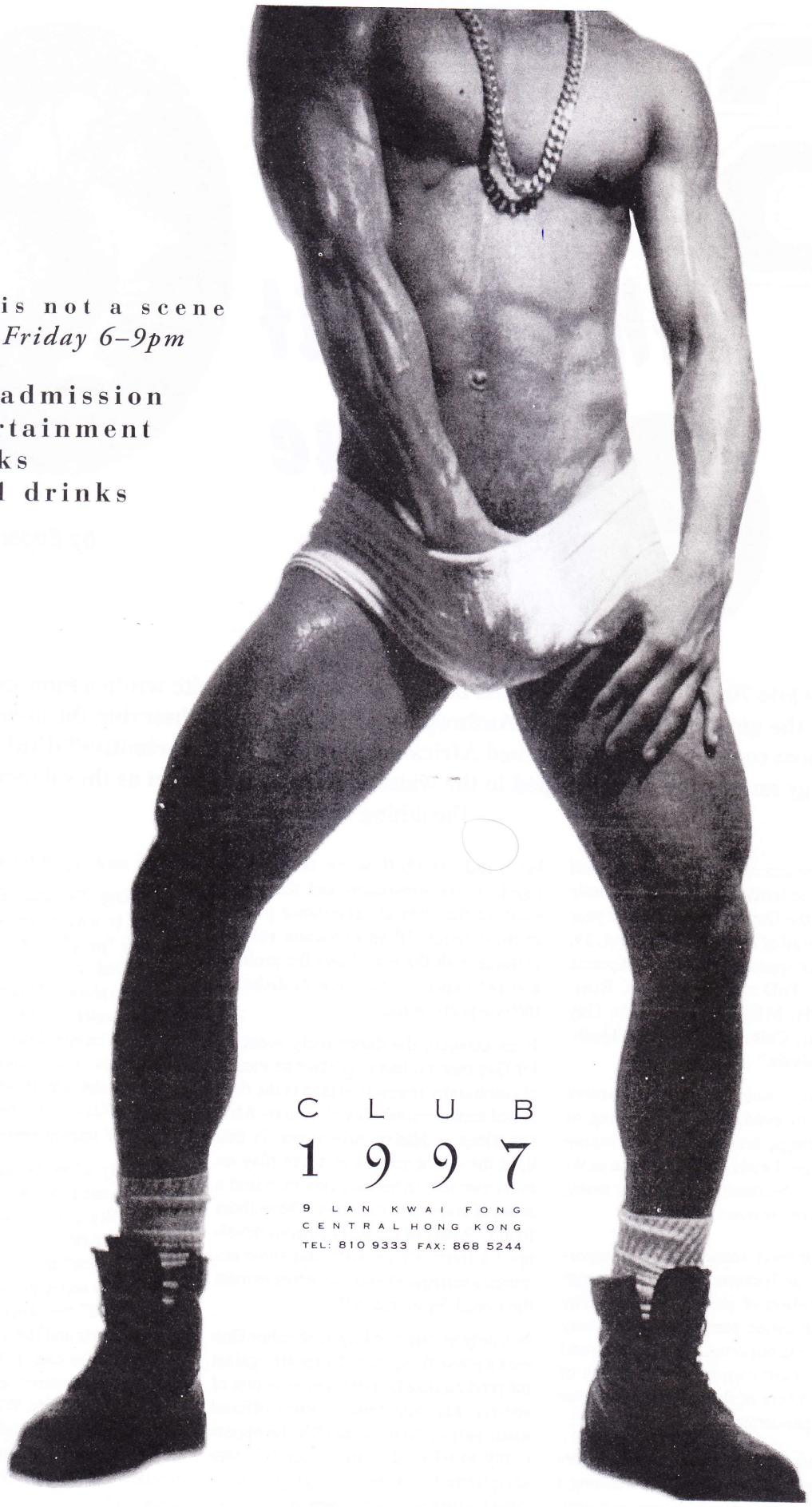
In addition I know several well known Gay people who have offered to write articles on whatever basis was acceptable to the *Post*. They have never even had an acknowledgement about their offer.

Knowing and recognising the problem is half the battle. What needs doing now, it seems to me, is for individuals and Gay groups to write and

phone the *Post*, *Express* and *Standard* (who have a solid reputation of being homophobic) letting them know how the Gay community feel about the on-going discrimination and make no mistake about it that's what omission misrepresentation and broken promises total.

It would be good to see people, other than the usual prolific letter writers, taking an active part in this campaign. When you have written a letter to any one (better still all three papers) try to remember to send me a copy so I can plot what's happening.

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S tudying the circuit scene



by Eugene J. Patron

In the late 70s when Studio 54 ruled the party scene, Tom Wolfe wrote a humorous essay under the guise of being African Anthropologist in New York observing the goings on at a Gay disco; complete with the learned African doctor noting the “primitive” display of sexual energy among the men stripped to the waist and covered in sweat as they danced to the throbbing beat.

The current circuit party scene is itself proving to be fertile grounds for academic studies of the Gay community. Last year in the *Journal of Homosexuality* (vol. 29, no. 1), there appeared an essay by Lynette A. Lewis, PhD and Michael W. Ross, PhD, MPH, MHPed, titled “The Gay Dance Party Culture in Sydney: A Qualitative Analysis.”

If you thought a circuit party was no more complex an event than the meeting of muscle, drugs, house music and raging testosterone, Lewis and Ross have news for you. In the discussion of their study, the two authors note:

The dance party scene serves an important social and personal function for a significant subset of inner-city young Gay men...The dance parties afforded many Gay men the opportunity to witness, and celebrate, their own survival and that of other members of their community over the HIV pandemic.

...They could experience the rare opportunity for ritualized celebrations among a large group of people, who were in a simi-

lar mind-set (following the use of psychoactive substances and the influences of the setting)...The dance parties in these terms fill an important role in melding both the scared and the profane and not experiencing them as dichotomous aspects of life.

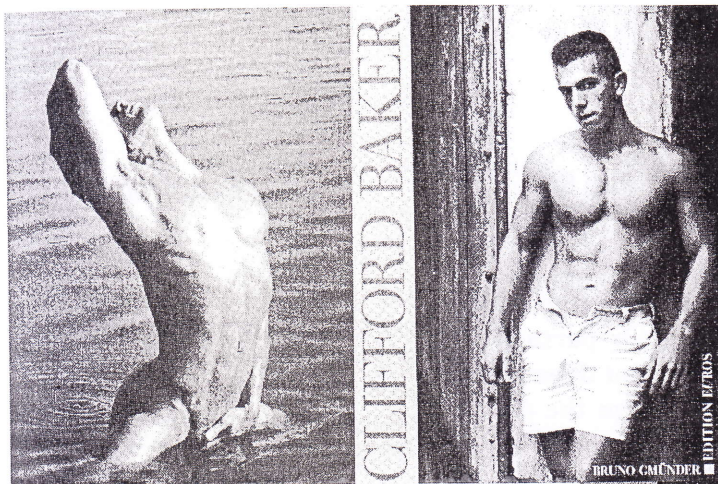
In as nutshell, the dance party scene is for Gay men no less important an means of community interaction than is the ritualized dance ceremonies of various African tribes or Native Americans. In this light the dance party scene can play an important role in helping Gay men find a sense of community identity. The authors found: “Many of the party patrons developed a fraternity network and some acquired a surrogate family structure to meet their need for intimacy.”

Not only is this bonding with other Gay men a powerful source of strength against the predominate homophobic structure of society, but “the dance parties offered many patrons living with HIV the opportunity to reject the larger society’s prescriptions for a person dying from a “deadly disease” and experience the sig-

nificant meaning of the will to live.”

A troubling flip side of this communal bonding is what is termed “risky shift” where by “people in group situations often behaved in a more reckless manner than when alone.” This directly relates to lapses in safer sex practices because of drug use. The paradox then is that at these very events where Gay men come together to celebrate the joys of being alive and being Gay, is where unsafe sex leading to HIV transmission is happening.

It was only 23 years ago that the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of psychiatric disorders. After a century of being portrayed as “sick” and “depraved” Gay men were finally recognized as being no more or less “well” than anyone else. Research such as Lewis and Ross’ demonstrate that circuit parties can in fact be a healthy means of expression and interaction for the Gay community. What remains a nagging question then is why Gay men allow unsafe sexual practices to make the potentially beneficial circuit scene, into a minefield.



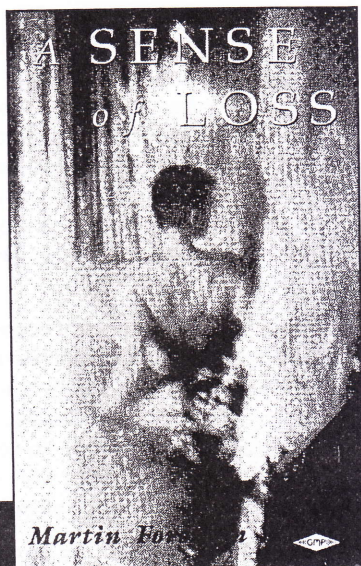
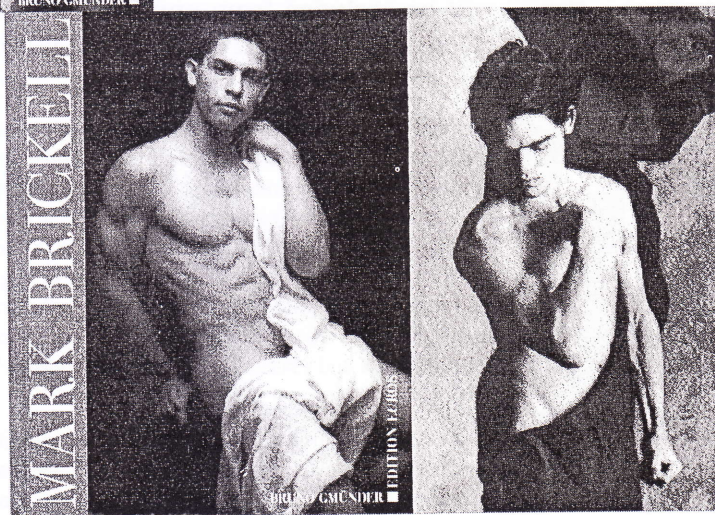
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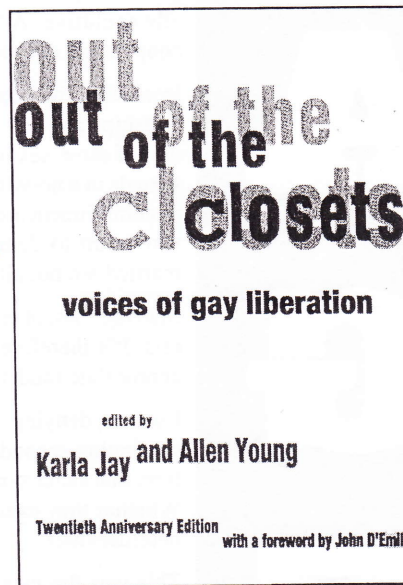
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Narrow Marriages

by Peter Tatchell

It's time Gay and Lesbian couples were allowed legal recognition of their partnerships. As the British Parliament debates Lord Mackay's proposals to reform the divorce laws, there's one group of people who will be excluded from any liberalisation because they're not permitted to get married in the first place.

Lesbian and Gay couples don't have a choice. In law, such relationships don't exist. Regardless of their strength or duration, same-sex partnerships have no legal recognition. This means that Gay partners are not officially acknowledged as next-of-kin in situations like medical emergencies. What's more if one partner dies, the surviving partner has none of the rights that the survivor of a heterosexual marriage would enjoy automatically with respect to funeral arrangements and claims on the deceased partner's property.

To remedy such injustices, many Lesbians and Gay men want some form of same-sex partnership legislation. A minority favour the straight model of marriage; most prefer a distinctive alternative.

There are, essentially, three options: marriage, registered partnerships and rights for cohabiters. They're not mutually exclusive. All three could be legislated, so that Gay couples can choose whichever they feel is best for them.

Ironically, the people who accuse gays of unstable relationships are also the ones who oppose any legal validation of same-sex love and commitment. This traps homosexuals in a no-win situation. Those who don't show proof of commitment are condemned as promiscuous, and those who want to demonstrate their commitment by getting married are not allowed to do so.

Marriage has, of course, an irredeemably heterosexual genesis. It's therefore arguable that this institution is not an appropriate model for Lesbian and Gay couples.

Even so, denying us equality in marriage law signifies our continuing second class citizenship. It's important, therefore, that same-sex partners should have the right to marry. Whether they exercise that right is up to them, as it is for heterosexuals.

This was the view taken by Dutch campaigners who recently won the extension of civil marriage to Gay couples, making the Netherlands the first country in the world to give heterosexual and homosexual newly-weds identical legal status and rights.

The main Gay alternative to marriage is "registered partnerships", a legal innovation specifically devised for same-

sex couples. Its rationale is the recognition that traditional heterosexual marriage and same-sex unions are not the same. Moreover, instead of copying uncritically heterosexual institutions, it's time Lesbian and Gay people created their own.

Under this "different but equal" system, Gay couples would register their partnership at the local Town Hall and be accorded all the legal rights accruing to married heterosexuals. It's effectively civil marriage in all but name and ritual.

"Registered partnerships" were pioneered by Denmark in 1989, albeit in a watered-down form which excludes the right to insemination services and child adoption. More recently, Norway, Sweden and Greenland have followed suit. Even in Catholic Spain, similar legislation may soon become law.

The second alternative to Gay marriage is the strengthening of the legal rights of cohabiters and the extension of these rights to same-sex couples. This would include recognition as next-of-kin and, as joint guardians of any children, entitlement to spousal benefits such as coverage by health-care plans, and property and tenancy succession rights in the event of a partner's death.

Many Lesbian and Gay lovers (and plenty of straight ones, too) don't want to go through a formal, legally-binding ceremony. They stay together because they love each other, and have no desire for a state-sanctioned contract which burdens them with bureaucratic obligations.

These unformalised but very genuine same-sex partnerships currently have no legal status. Even common law heterosexual couples have few rights. Enhanced recognition for all cohabiting lovers would thus benefit both gays and straights, and move society beyond its blinkered fixation on marriage as the sole legitimate form of partnership recognition.

(Peter Tatchell is a member of the queer rights group, OutRage!)

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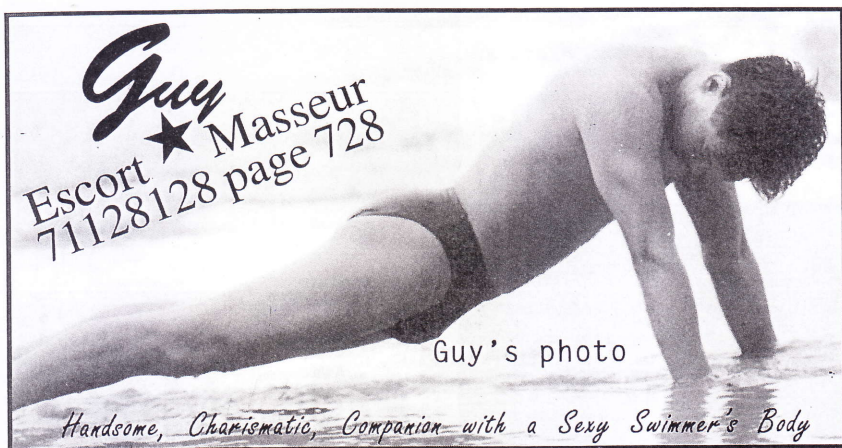
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Whenever the Pattaya police get bored with watching the television donated to their station by a misguided well-wisher or involuntary contributor, they issue forth in force to sweep the streets of katoeys (transvestites), offering their services to unwary foreigners and, it must be said, often practising a little pocket dipping on the side.

2 a.m. on the warm and muggy morning of 24 March was chosen by the notorious Pol Cap Kruetsana Montha and his force for such a foray. They managed to arrest four glamorous ladymen in lady-like outfits and make-up, all of whom confessed to harbouring the intention of persuading others into engaging with them in libidinous licence for the satisfaction of mutual lust and individual profit. This, in Pattaya-as everyone knows, is behaviour much frowned on out of holy matrimony. The four hapless would-be-women, Prida Tongsri, 23, Monsek Sangmanakit, 23, Chawal Sila-orn, 28, and Buntan Suanpromrach, 22, were about to chat up foreigners in a South-Pattaya bar who were exhibiting licentious interest, when the inflexible guardians of law and order put an end to their lascivious, and sometimes profitable, activities.

1
When witches were burned in the middle ages, the Inquisitors ordered the good burghers (all of them men, of course) to scour the dungeons for jailed queers, drag them in with the bundles of wood at the feet of the woman, and set them on fire to kindle a flame foul enough for a witch to burn in.

Flaming Faggots

2
The sticks of wood in bundles like that were called faggots and that's what they called the queers, too, and call us still, meaning our extinction, our complete extermination androicide and genocide their one response to any heretical blasphemy against a God-given manliness.

Flaming Faggots

4
In
that holocaust, I will risk my whole self and body even should I perish.

Flaming Faggots

5
My melting flesh—My screams are only the death of everything they stand for, My pain short-circuits so quickly I can't believe it. My hand is a trellis of fire. I can do it. It's easier than I thought, The crisp odour has stopped. It's they who are facing away, perishing, our liberation their execution. My screams are bullets, blood stuttering through their skin. I can't hear my own words anymore except that I think we must all till be chanting, demanding, welcoming freedom freedom freedo.

Flaming Faggots

3
Isn't it time we said yes, yes Ito faggot, proud to reclaim our martyrs, —who else will have them, or feel their pain but we brother-lovers, we flaming faggots who embrace the coal of final rebellion women already ablaze, we catching fire from them this time a whole planet groaning with relief as the bonds of an expiring masculinity glow like wicks, then break slipping from all our backs.

QUEER!

by Barrie Brandon

“So we chose the word “Gay” to describe ourselves—to affirm our right to be free, unashamed, and joyous.” from “The Flaming Gays.”

I tend to have a knee-jerk response of anger whenever I hear the word queer used, but I have noticed that many of my friends—both straight and Gay—seem to use it quite frequently. I know of course that the same word can have different meanings depending on the social position (dominant or minority group) to which the speaker belongs. But, I feel frustrated when I hear Gay people use it, and I feel much more anger when I hear straight people use it—which some do with no apparent conscious hostility.

I understand the logic behind usage of such terms by the very people to who the word is meant as an offence or slander, but I do not agree with it nor do I think does it work.

Personally I think that the most effective way to take the power out of a word like queer faggot or other slanderous and derogatory terms is to stop using it and point out to those who do what a bigoted term it is and how it demeans and devalues another human being. Some people use the term in jest and fun with the assumption that they are defusing the derogative word, but in essence, all they are doing is perpetuating a slanderous term that has a negative meaning attached to it.

Black people and people of colour have been using slanderous terms towards each other for a very long time, and those terms are not only still around but still hold the same meaning.

A queer is a queer. A nigger is a nigger. Neither of these terms exist in my vocabulary save as a reminder of the hurt and pain we have heaped upon our brothers and sisters. I don't use them and I let people who use them in my presence know that I find the term offensive and bigoted.

I don't like nor have I ever liked the terms: queer, fag, faggot, homo and all the others. If we must be labelled then let's have a label of our own choosing that shows and properly illustrates the real meaning of who we are as a people.

When I was in a teenager one of my so-called friends called me a homo (homosexual) for acting too effeminately, as he put it. I remember the whole gang laughing and me feeling lower than low, because I was well aware of my attraction to other boys. So, I vowed that nobody would ever call me Gay again...which left me closeted for the next 5 years.

When I finally did come out and got politically involved, I found myself on a Gay pride march. One person came up to me,

ripped a sign out of my hands and yelled, “F***** Gay!” at me. My first reaction was pure embarrassment and terror. But, the others in the group responded with a matter-of-fact, “yes?” I began to realise that “Gay” was so much more than just a word...once I accepted that I was Gay, it didn't hurt much when somebody called me that name.

It doesn't mean that I allow non-Gay people to call me Gay, or any other names, or try to fit me into one of their oh-so-narrow boxes.” But, I've just come to view Gay as so much more than just a word.

I can see the strength of the argument that says that if someone who wasn't in on the joke heard queer being used in a joking way, they might take umbrage or think it was acceptable word to use in any context. So I don't just use it. That's it, full stop.

On the other hand, any Gay person should have heard and be used to using the word Gay so that it doesn't cause them to automatically go off the deep end or overreact.

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Dorothy Dorothy Dorothy

by Danny Wong

I have often heard the term Friends of Dorothy but never fully understood what it meant so I asked around the last time I was in London.

There are two distinct possibilities of the origin of Friend of Dorothy.

However, it is most probably a reference to Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*. The movie is a Gay favourite; with its rainbow reference *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* and various other fairy thingies. Dorothy was played by Judy Garland, long a Gay icon.

When people wanted to find out if another person was Gay they could ask "are you a friend of Dorothy?" If they say "Dorothy who?" you can keep walking on because they probably aren't Gay. If they say, "Why yes I am!" then you've hit the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I've also seen "Friend of Dorothy" shortened to "F.O.D."

Another possibility is a reference to Dorothy Parker, a sharp-tongued member of the American Round Table. Unlike most women of her time, the 1930's, she was not afraid to match wits with men, often mowing them down with her quick wit. She reminds me of the Gay black men portrayed in Jenny Livingston's award-winning "Paris is Burning." These young men, who started the whole Vogue craze (popularised by Madonna), also practice a flamboyant form of verbal warfare called "shading" (I think). A popular example of this was Blaine and Antoine, the Gay caricatures In Living Colour. ■

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Come together

Celebrates First Birthday *by Danny Wong*

A small but ambitious project is celebrating its first year birthday this month; "Come Together", an agency run on a non-profit basis in Oldenburg, Germany helps Lesbians and Gays world-wide to contact each other. Since last April "Come Together" Foundation International has been active in Brazil Germany, Japan, Norway, Russia, and the U.S.A. arranging pen-pals, friendships, contacts and inexpensive – or sometimes free – accommodation.

Whether it's writing letters, entertaining guests, visiting new cities, exchanging recipes, or just needing the 83rd episode of Golden Girls on Beta, "Come Together" will try to help. The agency claims to work on totally non-profit basis. They insist that the small annual membership-fee of US\$10.00 simply helps defray the cost of postage and packaging.

"Come Together" members publish their ads in the twice a year bulletin. In order to protect privacy, no complete address's ever appear, only the editors know the confidential details and they are under oath not to reveal them to outsiders. Only "Come Together" members can obtain the addresses that interest them. After only one year, they have, they say, over 250 Lesbians and Gays on file, all offering friendly (and free) accommodation, and

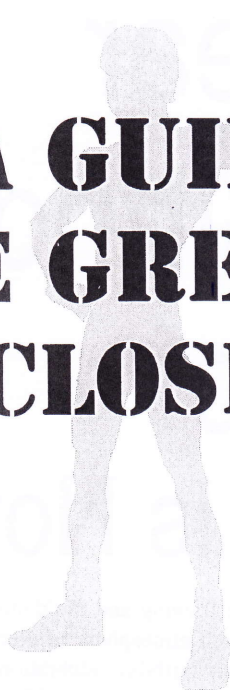
all more than eager to help other Lesbians and Gays everywhere.

As time goes by more and more people are applying to join. They told us "We're getting more and more Lesbians interested now, through Lesbians and Gays publications, through their friends and acquaintances and, of course, by word of mouth."

In the long run, Come Together Foundation International wants to offer these services completely free-of-charge, financing the project through Gay & Lesbian sponsors of advertisements in the booklet.

More information can be obtained by writing to "Come Together" Foundation International, Staustr. 5, 26122 Oldenburg, Germany.

A GUIDE TO THE GREAT OUT- (OF THE CLOSET)-DOORS



by S. K. Pasisozis

Two years ago, I realised something that caused a major shock. I knew I had always lived in a dark place, but in my mid-forties, I was realising that this dark place was in fact a closet. Anguish was realising this; terror was sharing it with a few friends; relief and joy was their acceptance and support; liberation and invigoration was leaving the closet once and for all, nailing it shut behind me. All this I found echoed in the experiences of others as recounted in *Outing Yourself* by Michelangelo Signorile.

Outing Yourself is described on the dust jacket as "a revolutionary fourteen-step guide to coming out of the closet". I would hardly call it revolutionary. But it is certainly methodical and logical. What might be revolutionary about it is giving a guide to a murky process that most of us have stumbled through by trial-and-error; some successfully, some not so well. The experiences of many other Gay men and women are recounted here. The comfort and reassurance that my experience is quite normal (as queers go) was consoling. And the book's instructions can help Lesbians, Gays, and their families navigate what at first seems to be a certain crash-and-burn experience.

There are heart-warming stories. The grandmother who told her adult Gay grandson, "I know you don't like girls. I watch all of the talk shows, I know what's going on in the world. . . When you get to my age a lot of things don't bother you that used to bother you. You realise that a lot of things aren't important enough to get upset over. What's important is that people are happy." The homophobic mother who realised that she had believed lies about homosexuals when her son came out to her. There are other stories, just as typical, of not-so-happy endings. But *Outing Yourself* doesn't try to hide this possibility. It deals with truth, and helps the Gay person in the journey of self- acceptance and self-discovery and self-sharing. For me, the best thing about this book was the stories of many other Gay men and women.

Their experiences and feelings, even when not echoes of my own, nevertheless resonated in my heart.

This book has a few flaws. An index would be helpful. A list of organisations such as P-FLAG would be useful. And some of the author's own political correctness, attitude, and superiority towards those who might disagree with him mar the book. If the reader dislikes transves

titles or sado-masochism, Signorile inaccurately attributes it to the reader's own "internalised homophobia." Nonsense! Maybe I don't like s/m or such because I don't like to see anyone degraded or humiliated or subjected to pain. Maybe I don't like skag drag because I think it is insulting to women. Maybe I don't like hearing men referred to in the feminine because I find it confusing, especially if I don't know the people involved. Is whoever a HE-she or a SHE-she? Later, he repeats his patronising yet asinine remarks about how those who may disagree with him suffer from "deep self-loathing." But I will give him credit: he also acknowledges that anyone familiar with his writings know his lack of patience for those still living in the closet.

But Mr. Signorile—we all of us don't leave the closet until we're ready. Even you! So please try to remember that, OK? Nevertheless, this book is a good guide to a difficult process. As with anything else, take what is helpful and leave the rest. Chew the meat and spit out the bone.

Outing Yourself: How to Come Out as a Lesbian or Gay to your Family, Friends and Co-workers by Michelangelo Signorile (New York: Random House, 1995) + 172 pp., no index.

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Tells All...

Fifi

STAYING IN TOUCH

Dear Fifi,

Several years ago I took some private tuition with a very charming girl. She was obviously a Lesbian, and tried to let me know of her desires towards me. At the time I wasn't out, so I was unable to reciprocate her affections.

Over the years we have managed to keep in touch by sending letters, and I am now completely out of the closet. This Christmas she sent me a card with a bookmark in it. Written on the bookmark were the words "share with others to enlarge happiness." I've since sent her over ten letters, none of which have been answered.

What did the bookmark mean? Should I continue sending her letters? Is there any hope of a reunion? Fifi, please help me!

Confused

Dear Confused,

If I worked for the General Post Office, I'd have to urge you to continue your thoughtful correspondence. However, the postmaster doesn't pay my rent and I have to say that your letters are clogging the system, and lengthening the time it takes my fan mail to reach my box. Perhaps the object of your affections is a stamp collector waiting for the letter which will finally be stamped with a first day cover?

I think not! This girl is obviously using you to bolster her otherwise faltering sense of self esteem. It's not because she hasn't the balls to tell you to bugger off (and she most likely doesn't have any balls...) Who would turn away an admirer? You need to ask yourself: how much did she spend on the bookmark? If

it was less than \$50, then leave her alone.

But since you've got her address, why not make a surprise visit with a dozen red roses? If she welcomes you back into her life, then you're set. If she pretends she doesn't know you, just act like the teleflorist and claim that you've gotten the wrong address. If I were you, I would have remarked: If I wanted a bitch goddess from hell, I'd go live with my mother!

Either way, be sure to meet more dykes: go to CE Top's XX party every second Sunday 3-6 (girls only) And if you get real lonely, call Queer Sisters' Hotline (Cantonese only) 2314-4348 pager: 7112-8445 a/c1613.

FASHION CONSCIOUS

Dear Fifi,

I am seventeen years old, and attend high school here in Hong Kong. All my friends dress very trendy, but I can't afford to do so. What should I do?

Signed, poor and homely

Dear Threadless,

Asking fashion advice from a drag queen is like asking a jelly fish how to do the backstroke. Stroking is my speciality, but what keeps me afloat in the Hong Kong fashion circles isn't likely to work for you! But here are two tips anyway: First, Accessorise! A few trinkets on a piece of leather thong works wonders. Bandannas anywhere are great. I prefer "ladies market," but you can find fantastic deals just walking up and down Temple Street. If you're still wearing plaid double knits, invest in a pair of black baggy jeans. If you're slender, wear tight T-shirts, if not buy the largest you can find.

And remember, it's not true that you get what you pay for (look at my boyfriend!)

Second, Advertise! They say that drag queens never score, but once I picked up a trick while wearing my wedding dress at Propaganda. After I'd gotten him home, I asked him why he chose me out of all those sexy men that night. His response was that he'd seen me in the showers at the gym. So remember, "if you've got the goods, tell the world!"

FRIEND OF DOROTHY

Dear Fifi,

I have been working with a very attractive man professionally for several months. I think he's "one of the family" and I think he's interested in me. How can I subtly let him know that I'm interested?

Bashful Brucey

Dear Brucey,

I've long been a staunch supporter of subtlety. I suggest you do the following: drop your drawers, have a seat on the office photocopy machine, and push the copy button. Then take the butt print, write the words "I want to get to know you better" on one cheek, and your name and contact number on the other, and stick it in the fax machine. If he calls you back, you'll know if he's interested. If not, then at least you'll know not to waste any more time on him...

Best of luck!

Until next time, keep the condoms coming. And if you have can more scintillating questions, you can reach Fifi at Box 555 Contacts Magazine.



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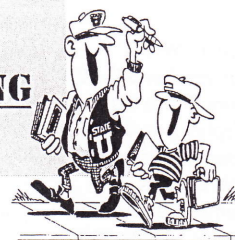
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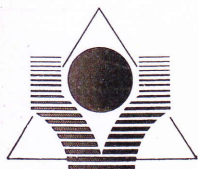
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